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SUBJECT: Raw Materials Shortages.

During this period raw material shortages will continue to plague rearmament, both here and in Europe. U. S. efforts to break the bottleneck of minerals production by pouring equipment and technical assistance into backward areas will have their beneficial effect, but there can be no complete, rapid solution. As U.S. rearmament moves extensively beyond the phases of planning and retooling and into the phase of rapidly increasing output, raw material shortages may become even worse. ~~(By mid-1953) however, the minerals and metals picture should be greatly improved.~~